

Editorial

The College of The Bahamas Research Journal is intended as the means through which scholarly papers and research are disseminated within the College itself, within the wider community and, indeed internationally. To this end, we have begun to establish, through subscriptions from other colleges and universities, a link within the international arena.

As persons within the College as well as the wider community engage in research and seek to publish their work, greater interest is generated in a multidisciplinary journal such as this.

As the Bahamas moves into its 30th year of independence, and as we reflect on the country's gains economically, socially and educationally, it is imperative that we continue, through research, to document these transitions which are indeed indices of growth. To this end, the COB Research Journal is the vehicle through which such growth can be documented.

Without question, there is a real and permanent place for such a publication, and the quality of articles is impressive. This volume of the COB Research Journal includes seven articles covering a wide range of disciplines. Writers in the areas of natural sciences, humanities, and the social sciences have contributed to this issue. The Editorial Board has had an exciting time completing work for this present volume, and continues to explore the possibility of broadening the readership by publishing the journal online.

In a previous volume, the editor stated that the editorial committee was determined "to nurture the idea of scholarly research from the embryonic stage to full maturity." This commitment remains an essential element in the present board's objectives. We hope that our readers find that this publication reflects advancement along this continuum.

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